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AGENDA



Thursday, August 24, 2006

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Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 26

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 with GE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, Denver, CO, for the purchase of seven GE Smallworld Core licenses for software used to manage vegetation control in an amount not to exceed \$42,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$83,400.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$42,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup
 Material**

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: Art Acuña, Buyer II/512-322-6307

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This purchase was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

On March 23, 2006, a sole source contract was administratively awarded to GE Energy Management Services (GEMS) for five Smallworld Core licenses and five GIS Read licenses for Austin Energy (AE) in the amount of \$41,400. The software application utilizes existing geographical information stored in the GE Smallworld Geographical Information System (GIS). GIS data includes the layout of the distribution system, the electrical connectivity system, and how it aligns with the right-of-way corridors that require vegetation management activities. The software is proprietary to GEMS and is not distributed through resellers.

This contract amendment is for the addition of seven more GE Smallworld Core licenses used to manage vegetation control activities. These licenses are required to enable the software application to be utilized by the Vegetation Management group in Electric Service Delivery. This software will enhance AE's ability to manage and track efforts along AE's distribution lines, thereby improving the reliability of the City's electrical distribution system.